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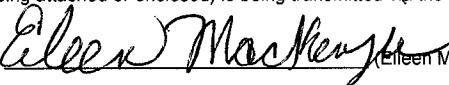
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gregory E. Sancoff et al.  
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(ONUX SALUTE AND TOUCHÉ DEVICES)  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2008, please find the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** being on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.